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INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the thirtieth meeting, held on Wednesday, 31 October 1956, at 1000 hours, in Room 1521, Barton Hall.

1. Present:

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2. Minutes of both sessions of the twenty-ninth meeting on 5 October and 19 October were approved as issued with one exception. With respect to paragraph 3a of the minutes of 19 October, [redacted] pointed out that the Radio Frequency Record cards have not yet been received but that the indications are that they will be received soon.

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3. With respect to RSB/SR, [redacted] provided members with copies of the monthly report for October which indicated the fulfillment of 134 separate requests during the month. While no reply had been yet received from NSA concerning the supply of material to the RSB, there were indications that General Canine intended to clear the problem before he left his post as Director.

4. With respect to broadcast evaluation, it was noted that jamming of BBC Russian-language programs by the USSR had been resumed. With respect to the feasibility of an estimate of broadcast receivers in the USSR during the Fifth Five-Year Plan, it was reported that the working group appointed was not ready to report.

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7. With respect to the OCB Progress Report, [REDACTED] reported that the final draft was to go to the Board Assistants on Friday and that the O/SI comments had been passed on to the ad hoc drafting committee for inclusion.

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8. With respect to the amateur radio project, [REDACTED] reported that the finished draft of the proposal was signed on 30 October and was presently being circulated for concurrences. It provides that the final evaluation at the end of the trial period will be the responsibility of this Committee with the assistance of the Office of Security.

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9. With respect to the proposed US-USSR exchange of broadcasters, it was indicated that difficulties had arisen in the planning and that there may be some delay in arranging for the exchange.

10. With respect to the review of the committee membership list, the Chairman suggested that this be removed from the agenda and made the responsibility of the Secretary.

11. New Business

a. [REDACTED] reported that his preliminary discussions in the DD/P area on impact monitoring and evaluation had indicated a wide divergence in ideas. He doesn't feel that he can conveniently push [REDACTED] proposal for a centralized

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group for this purpose at this time and prefers to wait for the [redacted] report which he understands will have a strong recommendation for such an activity. The Chairman noted that no specific position by IOTAC was called for at this time.

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b. [redacted] suggested that it might be appropriate for the Agency to study the renewal of BBC jamming and other recent activities, particularly as it relates to the Soviet intention and capabilities and sensitivity to the political situation.

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c. [redacted] inquired whether it would be a suitable activity to set up a central file on electronic equipment catalog. It was pointed out that to some extent this is done by the services, particularly ATIC.

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12. It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on 28 November at 1000 hours in Room 1521, Borton Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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